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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NORIHITO MORIKAGE et al.

For: LAW RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, LAW
RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND
LAW RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

Art Unit: -- 2171

Examiner: -- HA



TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(B)(1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-306191 published in Japan on November 5, 1999.


Though prior art A is not in the English language, this publication is accompanied by English Abstract. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for the non-English language prior art is satisfied.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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